

# Citizens for Change

Get Involved in the Citizens Redistricting Commission

## What is Redistricting?

- **Drawing Lines** – Every ten years after the census, California goes through the process of redistricting – redrawing the political districts from which representatives of the State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization are elected. Drawing district lines was historically a duty of California lawmakers. Now, citizens have the power to draw these lines by serving on a new 14-member commission – the Citizens Redistricting Commission!

## Why Should You Get Involved?

- **You Made it Happen** – You voted for this, take advantage of the opportunity to be a part of California history.
- **Unprecedented Opportunity** – For the first time in our state's history, ordinary citizens will hold the power to draw the district lines for State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization elections.
- **Momentous Chance** – You have the chance to serve on the very first redistricting commission truly made up of citizens from across the state.
- **Fair Representation** – You can help provide fair representation for all Californians and make sure your community voice is heard.

## How Can I Get Involved?

- **Apply to Serve on the Commission** – Apply at **WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov** to be part of the Citizens Redistricting Commission. The application period is December 15, 2009 - February 12, 2010.
- **Speak Up** – You can also participate in the process by reviewing and commenting on the citizens who have applied. Public comments can be made at **WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov**.
- **Stay Informed** – Visit us at **WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov** and receive regular updates.

## Are You Eligible to Serve?

You can apply if you meet the following criteria:

- are a **registered voter** and have voted in at least two of the last three general elections; and,
- have had **consistent party affiliation** for five years.

## Does Your Organization Want to Get Involved?

To request a Citizens Redistricting Commission briefing for your organization or to request materials for an upcoming event, please contact **votersfirstact@auditor.ca.gov** or **1-866-356-5217**.



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